

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> and clicking on "News & Events."

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Film Looks at Music, Drug Trafficking and Illegal Immigration

The Library and the San Diego Latino Film Festival will screen the documentary film **"Al Otro Lado"** on Wednesday, July 26. This screening will take place at 6:30 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. This event



Jorge Hernandez of Los Tigres del Norte performs at a concert in New Jersey, as seen in the film "Al Otro Lado."

is free and open to the public. "Al Otro Lado" was an Official Selection of the Tribeca Film Festival.

The proud Mexican tradition of corrido music — captured in the performances of Mexican band Los Tigres del Norte and the late



Magdiel composes a song in a scene from "Al Otro Lado."

Chalino Sanchez — provides both heartbeat and backbone to this rich examination of songs, drugs and dreams along the U.S.-Mexico border. "Al Otro Lado" follows Magdiel, an aspiring corrido composer from the drug capital of Mexico, as he faces two difficult choices to better his life: to traffic drugs or to risk his life crossing the border illegally into the United States. Performance footage by corrido superstars is interspersed with the day-to-day struggles of

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Exhibit Chronicles History of San Diego Dam Building through Photos, Artifacts

A new exhibit at the Central Library will focus on San Diego's water history and the importance of this precious resource to the region. **"The Quest for Water: A History of Dam Building in San Diego"** will include photographs and artifacts on display at the Second Floor Corridor Gallery of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. On display from June 1 through Aug. 31, the exhibit will be free and open to the public.

This new exhibit is the result of a 2004 agreement between the San Diego Public Library and the City's Water Department to preserve, inventory and catalog a collection of documents stored at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant. The documents, which represent nearly 100 years of San Diego water history, include historic vintage photographs and negatives, an old San Diego phone book, a director's appointment calendar, blueprints, technical reports, correspondence, clippings from newspapers



Members of the Common Council (City Council) inspect the progress at Lower Otay (Morena) Dam on Feb. 21, 1918.

and magazines, and artifacts from the era of dam construction in San Diego.

Funded by the Water Department and using the technical expertise of the San Diego Public Library staff, this collaboration

has resulted in the cataloging and preservation of more

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All Libraries to be Closed Independence Day

All City libraries will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. As a convenience, book drops at all locations will remain open to return items.



Memoir Writing Workshop to be Held July 8

The Library will present a Memoir Writing Workshop on Saturday, July 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The workshop will be taught by Thomas Larson, a widely published author, critic and memoirist. Participants in the workshop will learn techniques for planning and focusing on your memoir. With discussion and writing prompts, Mr. Larson will help you develop story ideas, and provide tips on self discovery and how to start. Bring paper and a pen or pencil to the workshop to begin writing your memoir. The program is limited to 20 participants and pre-registration is required. To register, please call Pamela Sanderson at 619-236-5847. The workshop will be held in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library, 820 E St.

All City Libraries Designated as Cool Zones



All City libraries, along with dozens of other sites throughout the region, are designated Cool Zones, places the public can go to beat the heat. Each summer the County's Aging & Independence Services designates Cool Zones, settings where seniors

and others can gather to escape mid-day summer heat and reduce air conditioning use, conserving energy in the process. Although not all City libraries have air conditioning, they are all comfortable respites from the heat. The program was created out of concern for seniors and persons with disabilities who have health problems that could be complicated by the effects of heat. For information about the program or to find the site nearest you, call the County's Aging & Independence Services at 1-800-510-2020.

Government Documents Workshop

A workshop on July 20 will provide participants with information about how to navigate the Library's catalog and uncover federal, state and local government documents. Find out what other documents are available under San Diego's newly formed Strong Mayoral government. The Central Library has been a Federal Depository since 1895. The workshop will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Computer Lab of the Central Library, 820 E St. The class is limited to 17 participants. Call 619-238-6621 to make a reservation (required). Basic Internet experience is recommended.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



"Mirror Trouble" by Dan Camp is one of more than 30 paintings on display as part of the "Pure Painting" exhibition.

Exhibit Celebrates Mastery of "Pure Painting"

More than 30 paintings by 12 of San Diego's best artists are featured in "Pure Painting," the current offering of the City of San Diego Public Library's Visual Arts Program. Free and open to the public, the exhibit will be on display through July 23 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library.

This exhibition was organized as a tribute to the unsurpassed beauty and power of a well-conceived and executed painting, and to celebrate the mastery of the medium. As the title of the exhibit suggests, all the works in "Pure Painting" use traditional painting media, including oil, acrylic and egg tempera, primarily on canvas or board. However, the works themselves are far from traditional.

The selected artists are mature painters who are enormously creative and, at the same time, accomplished technicians.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library is located at 4275 Cass St. For more information, call the library branch at 858-581-9934.

"Fall of Fujimori" Documentary to be Shown at Central Library on July 6

The Library and the San Diego Latino Film Festival will present the documentary film **"The Fall of Fujimori"** on July 9. The film will be screened at 2 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St.

In 1990, an unknown candidate named Alberto Fujimori rode a wave of popular support to become the president of Peru. He fought an all-out war on terror against the guerilla organization Shining Path, and won. Ten years later, accused of kidnapping, murder and corruption, he fled Peru to his native Japan, where he was in exile for four years.

Fujimori has remained virtually silent about the abrupt end of his controversial presidency, until now. He granted an unprecedented, in-depth interview to filmmaker Ellen Perry, who presents an intimate, chilling portrait of this enigmatic leader's rise and fall, interweaving never-before-seen footage from his regime with Fujimori's own words. As events unfold in his quest to return to Peruvian politics, **"The Fall of Fujimori"** offers a cautionary tale about power and corruption in an age of terrorism.

This film is part of PBS' series "POV." Since 1988, the series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. "The Fall of Fujimori" is scheduled to debut on national public television on July 18.



The film "The Fall of Fujimori" takes an in-depth look at former president of Peru Alberto Fujimori.

"House Exchanging" Class to Show Unique Way to Spend Your Vacation

Are you ready for an unforgettable yet inexpensive vacation? Wouldn't you like to spend your next holiday for free at a beach house, a mountain getaway, an apartment in Paris or London, a country home in Ireland, a ranch in Texas or a home in Australia or New Zealand from which to explore the country?

A class on "House Exchanging" will be held July 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. This event is free to the public.

House exchanging is the unique vacation experience where you visit another country or state and live in the home of a fellow exchanger while they live in yours. This arrangement potentially saves each party thousands of dollars in vacation expenses (no hotel bills, reduced food costs and often no rental car fees), and also provides opportunities that would not be available to a regular tourist, such as meeting their friends and neighbors, shopping in the local markets, and participating in the life of a community.

Join regular traveler Mary Schreiner as she discusses her experiences and introduces you to the unique world of house exchanging. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



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than 90,000 items so far. The collection is truly a unique resource for students of the water history of San Diego.

In addition to the exhibit, free guides are available with lists of resources of more information for people interested in learning more about San Diego's water history.

The Central Library is open Mondays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.



Teacher and students at Corte Madera Public School at the construction camp for Barrett Dam. Worker dormitories can be seen in the background.

Summer Reading Program Heats Up

A variety of critters and beasts await children and teens who take part in the City of San Diego Public Library's 2006 free Summer Reading Program, which begins June 15 and continues through Aug. 15. Summer is a great time to pick up a book and continue to improve reading skills, and this year's Summer Reading Program will focus on animals and fun.

For children up to 12 years old, the theme of the program is "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." The program's theme for teens in grades 7-12 is "Creature Feature @ Your Library." Participants in the program will receive special prizes, including "Paws to Read" wristbands, plush dog and cat bookmarks, and free admission to the San Diego Zoo, Natural History Museum and the Aerospace Museum.

The Summer Reading Program, available at all City libraries, will also include many free special events such as puppet theater, music performances, storytelling, arts and crafts projects, science programs, and other fun activities.

The Library began the annual Summer Reading Program in 1924. The goals of the program are to keep children and teens reading, learning and improving their reading skills, and stretching their imaginations during the summer. Reading improves literacy and helps students do better in school. Last year, 23,000 children and teens enrolled in the program. The program is free for all and open to anyone 18 and younger.

For more details about the program, fun activities and about how to sign up, contact or visit your local library. More information is also available on the Library's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

Earthquake Safety Workshops at Libraries



The first in a series of Earthquake Safety Workshops at libraries will be held July 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Linda Vista Branch Library, 2160 Ulric St. The free workshops will be conducted by the County's Office of Emergency Services (www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/).

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Magdiel as he embarks on an uncertain journey. "Al Otro Lado" explores the world of drug smuggling, illegal immigration, and the corrido music that chronicles it all.

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Fun programs with live animals are just some of the great events planned this summer. Wild Wonders will be at the Kensington-Normal Heights Branch Library on July 8 at 10 a.m. and at the Central Library on July 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Patent, Trademark and Copyright Workshop

Want to know how to copyright a publication, get a trademark or patent an invention? An informal question and answer session on patents, trademarks and copyrights with attorney Karl Steins will be held July 12 at 6 p.m.. This is a free service provided for the small inventors and entrepreneurs in San Diego on a first come, first served basis. The session will be held in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library, 820 E St.

Help Program Available for Small Businesses

The Library hosts free counseling sessions for small businesses with SCORE. The next event will be held July 5, at 6 p.m., in the Second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library, 820 E St. Each session provides an opportunity to discuss various business challenges first-time and seasoned small business owners face in a competitive business world. Topics covered may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing, business expansion, and other issues. Participants meet one-on-one with a SCORE counselor. These counselors have received high marks from those who have already attended a session. To register or for more information, please contact the Business Resources & Technology Link at the Social Sciences section at 619-238-6630, email businesslink@sandiego.gov.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

